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Testimony on Bill #6050

I would like to add my voice to those who strenuously object to H.B. No. 6050 and any other proposal that would reintroduce tolls on any Connecticut roads. My top three reasons:

Traffic - Traffic issues alone are sufficient to kill this proposal.

Reintroduction of any tolls should never be considered due to the obvious traffic delays, incremental pollution and safety issues. In addition to the issues on the highway, there will be a significant traffic, safety and environmental impact on local and alternate routes from cars and trucks trying to avoid the toll.

Inefficient - Tolls are not an efficient revenue generation source due to the significant capital investment and the (inevitably) bloated, inefficient bureaucratic government agency that will be required to staff and administer the toll collections system.

Inequity - Like an increase in gas taxes, tolls would be regressive, with a much more significant impact on those least able to pay. It is also extremely unfair to residents who live near the Connecticut borders in comparison to those middle-state residents and legislators who would continue to pay less than their fair share.

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